

“WORD OF LIFE”

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41. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (21) –

In the Fulfillment of the Types and Figures of the Old Testament

O 5. Melchisedec

Hymns: # 1102 / # 1111 / # 21

✚ “...the **words** which I have spoken to you are **spirit** and are **life**.” (John 6:63b)

[Type/Figure]

Gen. 14:18 - And **Melchizedek** the king of Salem brought out bread and wine....was priest of **God** the Most High.

[Revealed]

Psa. 110:4 - ...And He will not change: You are a **Priest** forever According to the **order of Melchizedek**.

[Fulfillment]

Heb. 6:20 - ...**Jesus**, ..., having become forever a **High Priest** according to the **order of Melchizedek**.

Heb. 7:1 - ...**Melchizedek**, ..., priest of the Most High **God**, ...

Heb. 7:2 - ... first being interpreted **king of righteousness**, and then also **king of Salem**, which is **king of peace**;

Heb. 7:3 -
* Being **without** father, **without** mother, **without** genealogy;
* having **neither** beginning of days nor end of life,
* **but** likened to the **Son of God**, **abides** a priest **perpetually**.

✚ “...to come to the **full knowledge of the truth**....” (1Tim.2:4b)

❖ **Melchisedec is a type of Christ** (Gen. 14:18-20).

❖ **Melchisedec is a type of Christ as God’s High Priest, is God’s anointed One** (Psa. 110:4).

➤ The two orders of priesthood

- The **order of Aaron** on the **negative** side.
 - Christ’s **work on the cross** typified by the work of Aaron **affords** us **forgiveness** of sin.
 - Christ’s **purification of sins** is typified by the **work of Aaron**
 - **As such** a High Priest, Christ **takes away** sin
- The **order of Melchisedec**, on the **positive** side.
 - Christ’s **ministry on the throne** in heaven ministers to us the heavenly **supply** for the **overcoming** of sin.
 - Christ’s **sitting down on the right hand** of the Majesty on high is according to the order of **Melchisedec**.
 - **As such** a High Priest, Christ **ministers** to us the processed God, signified by the bread and wine, as our **nourishment**.

❖ **Christ is “forever a High Priest according to the order of Melchisedec”** (Heb. 6:20).

➤ **In the past** Christ **offered** sacrifices to God for our **sins** as typified by Aaron.

➤ **Today** He is **ministering** the Triune God to us as our **supply** according to the order of Melchisedec.

- Melchisedec ministered bread and wine to Abraham.
- The **symbols** of the **bread** and **wine** at the **Lord’s table**, signify the **processed God** as our **supply**.
 - Our High Priest, Christ, is ministering the processed God to us.

➤ **Melchisedec** was a king, and his name means **king of righteousness** (Isaiah 32:1).

- Christ is the **King of righteousness**, today’s **Melchisedec**.
- As the King of righteousness Christ has made all things right with God and with one another.
 - He has **reconciled** us to God and has **appeased** God for us.
 - Righteousness issues in peace (Isa. 32:17).

➤ **Melchisedec** is also the **king of Salem**, which means the **king of peace** (Isa. 9:6).

- As the King of peace through righteousness, Christ has brought in peace between God and us.
- In peace He fulfills the ministry of His priesthood, ministering God to us for our enjoyment.

✚ “...Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.” (1Cor. 14:1)

✚ **Melchisedec**, our kingly High Priest is perpetual, eternal, without beginning or ending (Heb. 7:3).

- He has **no genealogy**; has **no beginning** of his days or of the end of his life.
 - ✓ Christ as the eternal One, the Son of God; our High Priest perpetually, **has no genealogy**
 - ✓ Christ as the **Son of Man** **has a genealogy**. It is such a Christ who is the High Priest ministering the processed God to us as our daily supply. He is the perpetual One, the constant One, the eternal One, having no beginning of days nor end of life.

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Hymn 1102	Hymn 1111	Hymn 21
<p>1 The Lord said unto my Lord, “Sit Thou at My right hand; Thy foes shall be Thy footstool, Upon them Thou shalt stand.” The sceptre of Thy strength shall The Lord from Zion send To rule o’er all the nations Forever ’til the end.</p> <p>2 A voluntary offering, The young ones are to Thee; In consecration’s splendor How beautiful to see! For as the dew of morning Refreshes all the land— The young ones given to Thee Are precious in Thy hand.</p> <p>3 The Lord hath sworn forever And never will turn back, “Thou art a priest forever, As was Melchizedek.” Oh, Thou hast no beginning Of days; of life: no end! And on Thine intercession We ever do depend.</p> <p>4 The Lord is at Thy right hand And in His day of wrath He’ll strike through rulers, judging The nations in His path. While riding on to triumph He’ll drink of us, the stream, His head uplifted, strengthened, The whole earth to redeem.</p> <p>5 Oh Lord, Thou art ascended To God’s right hand to sit; As Head o’er all things, to Thee God doth Thy foes commit. Our King—for us Thou reignest, Our Priest—we are supplied. Our all we give unto Thee, Thou Conqueror glorified.</p>	<p>1 Gathered at Thy table, Lord; Here the bread and wine are spread. Thou, our High Priest, present here; We, by Thee, are richly fed. Thou, Lord, our Melchisedec— We, the ones You come to feed; God to us to minister, Rich supply to us indeed.</p> <p>2 From the slaughter of the kings Abram did return one night, O’er the foe victorious, With the spoils of the fight. On the way this One he met, Who for him did intercede; King of Righteousness and Peace Meeting Abram in his need.</p> <p>3 We too, Lord, the kings have fought In the battle all day long; By Thine intercession, Lord, We are now victorious, strong. Round this table here we meet, We Thy church victorious, To enjoy the ministering Of the processed God to us.</p> <p>4 We’re not sinners, miserable; All our sins are history! Now to us, the fighters true, Is Thy priestly ministry. Gathered in thanksgiving, Lord, Now our hearts to Thee we raise; To our great Melchisedec, Render we our highest praise!</p>	<p>1 We praise Thee for Thy righteousness; Thy justice, Father, we confess, And fully testify. Thou art the judge of all mankind, In Thee injustice none can find, Nor wrong to Thee apply.</p> <p>2 O holy Father, righteous One, Thy righteousness upholds Thy throne, ’Tis a foundation sure. ’Tis through this righteousness of Thine That reigns in Christ the grace divine, And peace we thus secure.</p> <p>3 Thy righteousness has caused Thy Son To die for us that we be won, Redemption thus was bought; Thy righteousness has justified When Christ’s redemption was applied, Salvation thus was wrought.</p> <p>4 That Thou might show Thy righteousness, With Thy forgiveness Thou didst bless Men in the ancient age; For Thee Thy righteousness to show, Remission Thou dost now bestow On sinners in this age.</p> <p>5 All people Thou wilt judge one day, Thy righteousness to all display By Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; Yet fast we’ll stand, for none can move, Thy righteousness we’ll ever prove, With grace Thou wilt afford.</p> <p>6 With justice is Thy kingdom filled, And peace upon it Thou dost build With all in harmony; In the new heaven and new earth Thy righteousness will be their worth, As promised, God, by Thee.</p>